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WHO WANTS WAR — AND WHY?

GE's Wilson hitches America to permanent-war wagon

As capitalist America, with half the world turned socialist, moves on to a full-dress war footing for "defense" against the U.S.S.R. which has no interest and shows no disposition to attack anyone, the notion is spread and widely accepted here that "no one in the U.S. wants war."

In a documented series of articles last summer (Aug. 23 - Sept. 20) the GUARDIAN listed the main U.S. interests which DO want full-scale war mobilization because they make millions out of it. It listed the Morgan-Rockefeller "men in government" who have destroyed Franklin D. Roosevelt's blueprint for world peace.

In a new series beginning below, the GUARDIAN will show how since the Korean outbreak the same money interests have tightened their stranglehold on government; how they are extending the control of a Big Business government over all phases of national life, to accomplish something like a monopoly state—which is fascism by dictionary definition. Here are answers to the questions: Who wants war? Why do they want it?

By Tabitha Petran

TWO months ago Charles E. Wilson, president of Morgan's General Electric, director of Guaranty Trust, International GE, Canada GE Ltd., was named Chief of the Office of Defense Mobilization. His power, said **U.S. News,** is "greater than that of all the controllers together in World War II" and second only to that of the President.

This is the culmination of an Army-industry plan whose objectives were clear seven years ago. At that time official Washington buzzed with the plan for a "permanent war" economy to forestall any decline in fabulous World War II profits and any diminishing of the military role.

Charles E. Wilson was then vice chairman of the War Production Board. In Jan., 1944, he told the Army Ordnance Assn. the U.S. must remain on a permanent war footing, with "full preparedness according to a continuing plan," so that the profitable "three-way partnership" between army, industry and government might become "permanent and workable, not just an arrangement of momentary convenience."

IN MORGAN'S LAP: Other top industrialists like William L. Batt, head of the U.S. branch of the Swedish ball-bearing trust SKF—then a top Anglo-U.S war planner, now ECA chief in Britain—blueprinted:

- Post-war government subsidy of foreign trade (the Marshall Plan);
- Stockpiling to get control of world raw materials (today's stockpile goal: $8,800,000,000);
- Cartel-like controls of basic materials (such as now being organized among Atlantic Pact nations).

The real aim of the war program, devised and now run by the handful of top financial interests, was apparent: ever higher super-profits wrung out of the living standards of the American people. And already even right-wing labor leadership, which has ardently supported the foreign policy of big finance, is frozen out of the war set-up (see p. 4).

With Wilson's appointment to the "defense tsar" job in December, the American people's economy fell under the direction of the Morgan empire of which GE (organized by J. P. Morgan & Co. in 1892) is the most important company.

MOTHER DID WELL: It was through GE that Morgan got control of U.S. public utilities. By financing street-railway, lighting and power-company purchases of GE equipment through the then GE-owned Electric Bond & Share, he soon had these customers, the public utilities, in his pocket. GE's president is always on the board of

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CHARLES E. WILSON—SECOND IN COMMAND

Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.—LUKE 7:.42.

THE CRIME: ATTEMPTING TO KEEP THE PEACE

The shameful arraignment of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

By Albert E. Kahn
Special to the GUARDIAN

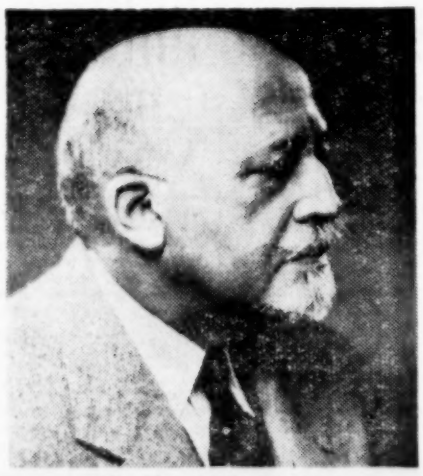
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ON February 16, 1951, in the Federal District Court House here, one of the greatest living Americans was arraigned on criminal charges, fingerprinted and searched for concealed weapons. He was Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, the 83-yr.-old world-renowned scholar, historian and educator, who, as John Gunther writes in **Inside America,** "has a position almost like that of . . . Einstein, being the most venerable and distinguished of leaders in his field."

The crime of which Dr. DuBois was accused was the advocacy of peace. Together with three other former officials of the Peace Information Center, of which he was chairman, he had been indicted by the Justice Dept. on the charge of failure to register as a foreign agent.

REPUBLICANS & SINNERS: The proceedings in the Federal Court House were held in the Criminal Court Room. Before Dr. DuBois and his associates were summoned to the bar, several accused felons appeared before presiding Judge Letts to have dates set for their trials. My notes of the crimes with which they were respectively charged read as follows: "Manslaughter—assault to commit robbery—housebreaking and larceny—violation of lottery laws—theft—forgery." Such was the category within which the case of the Peace Information Center was placed.

The date set by Judge Letts for the trial of Dr. DuBois and his associates was April 2. Among those representing them in the court room were such eminent Negro attorneys as Terrell Law School Dean George W. Parker, George Hayes, and former Judge James C. Cob of the Washington Muncipal Court; also present was Republican National Committeeman Perry Howard. When Judge Letts was asked for a postponement of the trial date on the ground of the magnitude of the issues involved and the need for time for adequate preparation, he denied the request. A few minutes earlier he had granted a third extension of time in the arraignment of a thief whose lawyers explained his client had gone into hiding. Howard and defense attorneys pointed out that when J. Parnell Thomas was indicted for embezzling government funds he was treated with more consideration.



DR. W. E. B DuBOIS
Man's inhumanity to man

SUCH MEN ARE DANGEROUS: Judge Letts ordered Dr. DuBois and his fellow defendants into the custody of a U. S. marshal while bond was being posted on their bail. They were led from the court room and taken down the "criminal chute" into the cell block. There, behind heavily barred doors, in the company of drug addicts and prostitutes, they were fingerprinted and frisked for weapons.

Then Dr. DuBois was brought out of the cell block; and on the wrists of this man who has contributed so much to the culture of our time there were manacles. The Federal guards apparently wished to make sure that the elderly genius did not make a break for freedom before his bond was posted. Flashbulbs flared as newspaper photographers recorded the sickening spectacle for posterity.

TWICE GUILTY: Outside the court house, near a statue of Abraham Lincoln, reporters interviewed Dr. DuBois. He said:

> "I am confident that every American who desires peace, the three million signers of the World Peace Appeal and tens of millions more will join us in our fight to vindicate our right to speak for peace."

Friends then escorted Dr. DuBois to his room at a "Negro hotel." For this was the nation's capital; and Dr. DuBois was guilty not only of advocating peace, but also of having a dark skin.

Funds are needed

The Peace Information Center was already dissolved weeks before the indictment of Dr. DuBois and his associates as unregistered "foreign agents." But the new organization American Peace Crusade (1186 Broadway, N.Y.C.) has undertaken to collect urgently-needed funds for the defense of the Peace Four. The editors of the GUARDIAN urge you to send what you can, however little, to the Defense Fund at that address. The good name of America stands in peril of total extinction as long as this monstrous charge stands.

ATTENTION NEW YORKERS: Pawn your watch if necessary to be present at the dinner this Friday, Feb 23, at Essex House, N.Y.C., honoring Dr. DuBois on his 83rd birthday. Principal speaker: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Tickets from Birthday Committee, 7 W. 125th St., N.Y.C. Phone: ENright 9-1488.

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Report to ALP-Progressives

NOW HEAR THIS!

THE ALP-PROGRESSIVE PARTY membership, despite devout avowals of deep interest in the project, has done a spectacularly dismal job on helping to build the GUARDIAN. In fact, were it not for the magnificent minority of GUARDIAN readers who are our self-designated circulation team in the field, the GUARDIAN would be a dying duck, too.

A year ago last month, one of the ALP-Progressive Party's ablest and most experienced field workers had this to say in the columns of the GUARDIAN:

> **Let the slogans, the long speeches, the sloppy generalities, the endless mass meetings and demonstrations, so much of which is self-expression, take a little rest. They are not absolutely essential. More often than not they are distracting and disorganizing substitutes for the real thing—welcomed by the ingrown sectarian and unreal to the uninitiated.**
>
> **Progressives have a much tougher, more demanding, creative and effective job to do in spelling out their answers in the wards and precincts of the country. . . .**
>
> **For this job we offer you one key tool—the NATIONAL GUARDIAN in a million homes, if you'll place it there.**

WE SAY THE FOREGOING AGAIN NOW, in spades. We say it at this very moment in history—end of February, 1951—because only two pre-summer months remain in which the ALP-Progressives have ever demonstrated ability to carry out any sustained non-election activity—and another spring season of back-sliding may bring us all to the bottom with a disastrous bump.

We firmly believe that one of the topmost objectives of the whole Progressive Party—and especially and immediately the American Labor Party in New York—must be to introduce a GUARDIAN subscription into every reachable American home in the two-month period of March and April, 1951.

Debunk the Truman tax bill? Save Willie McGee? Raise funds for the Trenton Six? Call the shots on the dollar patriots and atom-bomb-throwers? Keep in step with the growing peace movement in every American community, circulate a peace ballot, scat the witch-hunters?

How better to mobilize membership and public behind these objectives than through the weekly medium of the only 48-state newspaper in the U.S.A. which exists solely and wholly to do this very job—and costs less than 4c a copy?

Let's get wise to ourselves, lest we hold our future "mass mobilizations" in a telephone booth!

JOHN T. McMANUS
for the Editors and Staff

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THE MAIL BAG

Left-wing unity

EVERGREEN, COLO.

The suggestion in Mr. H. A. Kruse's letter in the GUARDIAN (Jan. 24) is not untimely. There would be two ways of acting on it.

If a new "party-for-action" were formed, as Mr. Kruse suggests, would it be independent of those minority parties already in existence? If so, would it not tend to bring about further vote-splitting among groups which by and large are working toward a relatively few main objectives? If, however, it were possible for adherents of all parties that stand for reasonable measures toward reform, to forget their minor differences in platforms and merge their common interests in a single, unified effort, might it not be possible that such a party would succeed in a few years — even in our present and future "emergency" — in registering something more than a "protest" vote?

The latter idea is scarcely new. Application of it might be, however.

Lawrence F. H. Lowe

A basis for unity

KIRKWOOD, MO.

As I am an old man, past 86, I cannot give active support to any movement that does not propose a real remedy. If you will advocate a program that will eliminate interest and limit individual holdings, so that all can live in comfort, you can gain the support of all honest voters.

All honest voters must be united in a political party that proposes to repeal or correct every law giving to an individual or private group an advantage over others.

John L. Talbott

Thought for today

Ours is an age which is proud of machines that think, and suspicious of any man that tries to.

PROF. HOWARD MUMFORD JONES of Harvard, keynoting the 75th anniversary celebration of the Univ. of Colorado.

Likes PP as is

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

I read with much interest Rev. Clarence Duffy's letter (Feb. 7). It surely needs an answer. I, too, am sure "F. W. R. would have no objection to a Progressive Peace Party which would incorporate the American Labor Party and all the parties or individuals who believe in justice and freedom at home and in peace at home and abroad." No one else should have any objections to that kind of a party either.

I was one of the first members of the Progressive Party and I know that it always has been a Peace Party. We are all perfectly satisfied with our leaders, Elmer Benson, C. B. Baldwin and the others, so why should we reorganize?

As I see it our party is the only organization whose members have been constantly working hard to save our Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights which belong to all the people.

Mrs. Edith Geiger

Oregon for Marc

SILVERTON, ORE.

Marcantonio would be a marvelous man for the third party to have as its candidate for President of the good old U. S. A. Would he accept?

Art J. Koznek

MILL CITY, ORE.

I agree . . . Marc's the man to head a third party which could bring into focus the anti-war feeling now prevalent.

Ruth Stovall

Alcoholic paradise

NEW YORK, N. Y.

What a sick society! Truman and Dewey as Presidential possibilities, MacArthur and Eisenhower as national policy architects, global war as the U.S. government's dearest wish—and a sick adolescent as the year's literary sensation in both fiction and non-fiction!

Unable to meet Princeton's tolerant scholastic standards, Scott Fitzgerald went in the army, hit the post-WWI jackpot with **This Side of Paradise**, married one of the college bobby-soxers therein portrayed, blew $30,000 a year till the 1929 bust, spent his last years drifting into debt (earnings fell below $15,000!) and struggling against the yen to drink himself stiff.

His creations are silly sticks, pure young Americans trying to amass money and stay sober. Yet Mizener's biography **The Far Side of Paradise** was serialized in **Atlantic Monthly**, boosted in many pages of **Life**. Stephen Vincent Benet acclaimed Fitzgerald; Charles Jackson in **The Lost Weekend** paid his splendor a 3-page tribute. His dull letters to his daughter were published five years ago—hundreds of pages of tosh. Schulberg's **The Disenchanted**, mining the same shaft, topped best-seller lists for weeks.

The critics, writers and a section of the petty bourgeoisie identify themselves with Fitz and his heroes. Are they not noble young men too, trying to make good in a chaotic maelstrom? In his novel **Work of Art** Sinclair Lewis contrasted the splendid hero, a hotel craftsman, with his younger brother, a writer and a slob. He described the fantasies and aspirations of the slob so well that every critic saw himself, felt offended and panned the book. Fitz profits by the same self-identification—favorable this time.

James Morgan

Michigan (Univ.) Daily

"I, Professor Meyer Schultz, solemnly swear that I will not overthrow the government of the United States during the current semester."

Martinsville and us

LORAIN, O.

A Negro publication says that protests to save framed Negroes by left-wing people do more harm than good: we should fight "the American way."

The Martinsville case was fought, so it seems, in the best American way we know of. Among other answers that those fighters got was: "We don't fool around here in Virginia." That is the quintessence of the American way.

In the North, where Negroes are usually a minority, they are clubbed down to let them know they are a minority. In the South, where whites are sometimes a minority, Negroes are clubbed down in order that they would never know they are the majority and human. Yes, that's the quintessence of the American way.

Let's not be deceived by the word "American." It may be used to cover up the most un-American deeds. Let's not forget that in regard to discrimination the very American way needs correction. The Martinsville Seven were executed in America, not in some foreign country. Let's stop blaming foreign countries for what is done only in America, in the American way. It's the duty of every American to see that the good ways of this country be built up, the bad ways destroyed.

White

Sweet—and smart—16

NOXON, MONT.

I am 16 and a junior in high school. Nearly all my subjects and all my teachers tell us how terrible communism is. When I come home at night, I read the GUARDIAN and it shows as plain as day all the bunk and lies that are taught.

Our school is so poor financially, under the capitalist system, that a person can't graduate from it and go on to nurse's training like I want to do. If they printed something like the GUARDIAN for the kids to read maybe we could do something worthwhile for everyone concerned.

Beulah Pyatt

Truman's contribution

MORENGO VALLEY, CAL.

I am nearing 74 and during all my thinking years I applauded every contribution for the elimination of this un-Godly system. Now at last the Archangel is here. Hail, Mr. Truman. My gratitude to you for your unintentional contribution to the suicide pact of capitalism. The world will always remember you in a deserving manner. Who amongst us dare cast a stone?

Lee Samel

Wants diaper draft

PITTSBURGH, PA.

Considering the frightful peril now facing our Republic from within and without its borders, I suggest that the Defense Dept. draft all boys and girls of 15 and up to save them from communism and strengthen our long-range defense. In the army and navy they can be forcefully indoctrinated according to the prevailing hysteria and be taught what freedom really is and how to hate and kill.

Furthermore, as soon as we've finished off the Commies, there is certain to be another faction which will threaten "our way of life" somewhere, somehow. Who knows, perhaps the little men from Venus will attempt to invade us! Hence, we shall then be prepared to fight a hot war instead of a long, drawn-out cold one.

All ethics and religions have quite obviously been wrong in their teaching of love, brotherhood and tolerance.

Gaylord Yost

Nexo autographs

FREDERIKSSUND, DENMARK

We are very much glad to read your paper but our money is not worth very much. I am sending you two original autographs of Denmark's greatest author, Martin Andersen Nexo. I wonder if any of your readers might like to have one in return for a contribution to the GUARDIAN? The women of Denmark hold bazaars to help our radical papers here because they also are boycotted.

Trina Bjornes

Any offers? First two readers writing to 17 Murray St. get them. Name your own contribution. **Ed.**

Matthew: 5, 6, 7

HOSMER, S. D.

The solution to world problems is so simple and easy that we have by-passed it for nearly 2,000 years —simply because it is too simple and easy.

What do I mean? Just this: have the churches effectively and methodically teach the principles of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, Chapters 5, 6, 7) and the Americans, Russians, Germans, Chinese and all will be too much civilized to have "any more of it."

Albert Wyre

Breeding ground

NEWTONVILLE, MASS.

Please accept our $25 contribution. This hardly suffices to repay the great service which you render toward the sustenance of peace. The prime responsibility in the fight for a peaceful world rests on Americans. The threat of a new war has its breeding ground within our country.

Mrs. Louise Lown

Tomorrow's news today

CHICAGO, ILL.

How rare an opportunity to be able to have the privilege of supporting a paper that heralds the intellectual and moral courage of an Elmer Benson! It's great to get the paper of tomorrow—today.

P. N. L.

Inside the UN

OSAGE, IOWA

Could you give your readers the gist of the article, "Inside The United Nations," in the December 1951 issue of **Monthly Review**? It should have wider reading by progressive people to help them understand how the UN is being used by the American government.

Rev. M. E. Dorr

Monthly Review (66 Barrow St., N. Y. C. 14—$3 a year) is preparing a pamphlet with the above-mentioned and another UN article. **Ed.**

Independence's dependents

ERWIN, TENN.

The U. S. government—bankrupt and 350 billion dollars in the hole—has just taken on 45% of the bill for building the American Export Line a new luxury liner, the **Independence**.

Just why this rich private corporation should be allowed to dig into the People's money, at a time when the People are so ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-served by their unfaithful Washington strutters and tyrants posing as public servants, is your guess as well as mine. But it would be interesting to know what millionaires, congressmen and cronies of that little man from Independence, Mo., have stock in this great steal.

Ernest Serman

N. Y. peace information

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Residents or organizations of Washington Heights interested in the problem of "What the Local Community Can Do About the Peace" please write to Apt. 9A, 706 Riverside Dr., N. Y. C., for further information.

Miana Sobel

"WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE"

What Stalin really said on world crisis

ON Feb. 27, 1945, Winston Churchill told Commons: "I know of no government which stands to its obligations even in its own despite more solidly than the Russian Soviet Government." In the same debate Anthony Eden recalled how Hitler used the alleged "threat of Russian expansion", the Bolshevik bogy," to justify his war policy. He warned that Britain "must be very careful" not to fall for this "old theme of propaganda again."

But in Labour Britain, as in capitalist America, the "bogy" has been revived to justify war plans, including German rearmament. Announcing Britain's huge new arms program, Prime Minister Attlee said it was made necessary by Soviet rearming.

In Moscow, the newspaper **Pravda** asked Soviet Prime Minister Stalin to comment. Stalin's reply was his first statement on international affairs in two years. If the N.Y. press was typical, most Americans will never know what this important statement contained. Only the **Times** printed the full text; nearly all treated Stalin's words as a threat, omitted his remarks about peace and Soviet disarmament.

We publish below the most significant parts of the statement. Stalin detailed the stages by which Soviet demobilization was carried out from 1945 to 1948 and wrote:

IF Prime Minister Attlee were competent in financial or economic science, he would have realized without difficulty that not a single state, the Soviet Union included, could develop civilian industry to the full, launch great construction projects like the hydroelectric power stations on the Volga and Dnieper and the Amu Darya, which demand scores of hundreds of thousands of millions in budget expenditure, continue the policy of systematic price reduction for consumer goods which also demands scores of thousands of millions in budget expenditure, invest hundreds of thousands of millions in the restoration of the national economy destroyed by the German invaders, and together simultaneously with this multiply its armed forces and develop war industry.

It is not difficult to understand that so reckless a policy would have led any state to bankruptcy.

Prime Minister Attlee should have known by his own experience as well as by the experience of the U.S. that the multiplication of a country's armed forces and an arms race lead to developing war industry, to curtailing civilian industry, to stopping great civilian construction work, to increased taxation, to a rise in prices for consumer goods.

It stands to reason that if the Soviet Union is not reducing but on the contrary is expanding its civilian industry, is not winding up but on the contrary expanding the construction of new civilian hydroelectric power stations and irrigation systems, is not stopping but on the contrary continuing the policy of price reduction, it cannot simultaneously with this inflate war industry and multiply its armed forces without risking finding itself in a state of bankruptcy. . . .

PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE needs a lie against the Soviet Union, and it is essential to him to depict the peaceful policy of the Soviet Union as an aggressive one and the aggressive policy of the British Government as a peaceful one in order to mislead the British people, to impose upon them that lie about the U.S.S.R., and thus to draw them by means of deceit into the new world war being organized by the ruling circles of the U.S.

Prime Minister Attlee represents himself to be a supporter of peace. However, if he is really in favor of peace, why did he reject the proposal of the Soviet Union in the UN for the immediate conclusion of a peace pact between the Soviet Union, Britain, the U.S., China and France?

If he truly stands for peace, why did he reject the proposals of the Soviet Union for an immediate start on the reduction of armaments, for the immediate prohibition of atomic weapons?

If he is really in favor of peace, why does he persecute the fighters of peace, why did he prohibit the peace congress in Britain? Can a campaign in defense of peace threaten Britain's security?

On Korea

If Britain and the U.S. reject finally the proposals made by the People's Government of China, the war in Korea can only end in a defeat of the interventionists.

(Asked why this was so, Stalin replied that U.S. and British soldiers who distinguished themselves in the war against Germany and Japan "regard the war against Korea and China as unjust" and cannot be convinced that China, "which is not threatening either Britain or the U.S. and from which the U.S. appropriated Taiwan [Formosa], is the aggressor, whereas the U.S. which appropriated Taiwan and brought its troops to the very borders of China, is the party defending itself." The soldiers therefore fight "in a formal way without faith in the righteousness of their mission and without enthusiasm.")

On UN's branding China an aggressor

I estimate it as a shameful decision. . . . The UN, created as the bulwark for preserving peace, is being turned into an instrument of war, into a means for unleashing a new world war.

The aggressive core of the UN is represented by ten member countries of the aggressive North Atlantic Pact and 20 Latin-American countries.

The representatives of these countries now decide the fate of war and peace in the UN. It was they who carried in the UN the shameful decision on the aggressiveness of the Chinese People's Republic. It is characteristic of the present-day regime in the UN that, for instance, the small Dominican Republic, whose population hardly amounts to 2,000,000, has the same weight in the UN at present as India and much more weight than the Chinese People's Republic, which is deprived of the right to vote in the UN.

Thus, being turned into the tool of aggressive war, the UN is at the same time ceasing to be a world organization of nations enjoying equal rights.

As a matter of fact, the UN is now not so much a world organization as an organization for the Americans, an organization acting on behalf of the requirements of the American aggressors. . . .

The UN is therefore taking the inglorious road of the League of Nations. In this way it is burying its moral prestige and dooming itself to disintegration.

To the question, "Do you consider war inevitable?" Stalin replied:

No. At least at the present time it cannot be considered inevitable.

Of course, in the U.S., in Britain, as also in France, there are aggressive forces thirsting for a new war. They need war to obtain super-profits, to plunder other countries. These are the billionaires and millionaires who regard war as an item of income which gives colossal profits. They, these aggressive forces, control the reactionary governments and direct them.

But at the same time they are afraid of their peoples who do not want a new war and stand for the maintenance of peace. Therefore they are trying to use the reactionary governments in order to enmesh their peoples with lies, to deceive them and to depict the new war as defensive and the peaceful policy of the peace-loving countries as aggressive. . . .

Precisely for this reason they are afraid of the campaign in defense of peace, fearing that it can expose the aggressive intentions of the reactionary governments. Precisely for this reason they turned down the proposal of the Soviet Government for the conclusion of a peace pact, for the reduction of armaments, for banning the atomic weapon, fearing that the adoption of these proposals would undermine the aggressive measures of the reactionary governments and make the armaments race unnecessary.

WHAT will be the end of this struggle of the aggressive and peace-loving forces?

Peace will be preserved and consolidated if the peoples will take the cause of preserving peace into their own hands and will defend it to the end. War may become inevitable if the warmongers succeed in entangling the masses of the people in lies, in deceiving them and drawing them into a new World War.

As for the Soviet Union, it will continue in the future as well firmly to pursue a policy of averting a war and maintaining peace.

THE ROAD WITHOUT END IN KOREA
Over snow and ice in freezing weather the refugees trudge

Canard Enchaine, Paris
"Hello, hello, Harry? . . . We were cut off again. . . ."

GE's Wilson harnesses America to a permanent-war economy

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Guaranty Trust, its board chairman on Bankers Trust—the two banks which handle Morgan's big business.

Wilson—who went to work at 12 as a $3-a-week office boy in Sprague Electric Co. to support his widowed mother, and celebrated 50 years with GE in 1948 by denouncing the CIO as "naked-ly socialistic"—is thus one of the top men in the Morgan organization. GE, with 115 manufacturing plants in the U.S., sales of more than $2,000,000,000 a year and power "transcending that of the U.S. Congress" (Dept. of Justice), is the logical spearhead for Morgan direction of the organized system of super-profits known as the U.S. war effort.

SOCIALISM IS SO CRUDE: Through its ownership of Edison and other electric light patents in the U.S. and foreign countries, its exclusive franchises to local companies for lighting, heat and power, its long-time practice of buying substantial stock in companies with which it has patent agreements, GE has achieved a unique position in—and a monopoly of some 60% of—the world's electric industry.

At home, its only rival is Westinghouse (Mellon-Rockefeller-Kuhn Loeb) with whom it has cross-licensing patent agreements. Abroad, through International GE, it acquired substantial or controlling shares in the top electric combines of Germany, Hungary, Britain, Japan, France, Holland, Mexico, China and Brazil. It has since lost China and Hungary, which chose socialism; preventing other countries from making this choice is now its most urgent concern.

WILLIAM R. HEROD
Anything the boss says

THE FAIRY GODFATHER: GE's relations with the German electric industry have been particularly close. It "stood godfather" to German AEG, electrical equipment and lamp company, and got almost a third control of Osram, a consolidation of the lamp business of AEG and two other German firms. It lent Osram $1,500,000 when—together with French, British, Dutch, Japanese combines—they reorganized Phoebus, the worldwide lamp cartel (which among other things reduced the quality of bulbs to make them wear out faster). AEG and Osram were key factors in Nazi war production.

GE led the world-wide International Equipment cartel, formed in 1930, which exacted tribute for all heavy electrical equipment sold in the capitalist world and exercised veto power over development of electric power or power-driven industry in every capitalist country. Through its subsidiary Carboloy Co., GE conspired with Krupp, German munitions king, to maintain a world monopoly on tungsten carbide, essential for the tool machinery business. GE and Krupp raised the price of tungsten carbide from $48 a lb. in the 1920's to $450 a lb. in the 1930's.

OUR MR. HEROD: Through IGE, GE thus wields power throughout the capitalist world on the old I.G. Farben pattern. IGE's president William R. Herod, named this year Coordinator of North Atlantic Defense Production, will direct the war production and use of manpower in Atlantic Pact countries. Herod has been with GE since 1919 and is also director of GE-related combines in England, Italy, Spain, and many other countries

The Wilson-Herod team, representing the aggressive Morgan interests, has in fact achieved near-dictatorial powers over the economy of the capitalist world.

MORE & MORE & MORE: Anti-trust convictions against GE—the company faced 16 anti-trust suits 1917-1947—were laid aside in 1942 and again in 1950 (one week before Wilson's appointment) in the interests of war production. GE is one of the top war profiteers. In World War II it got $3,300,000,000 in war orders, ranking 9th among the great corporations. Its profits jumped from $53,000,000 in 1939 to $150,000,000 in 1945; to $203,600,000 in 1949; and to $211,000,000 in only 9 months of 1950.

Currently GE is earning 23% on investment, compared to 13½% in 1939 and 16% in 1945. Its profit take per worker was $740 in 1939, $965 in 1945. Today it is $1,691.

Before Korea, GE was already devoting 20% of its production to war orders. **Barrons** estimates its war orders this year may reach nearly a billion dollars—35% or even perhaps 45% of total production. This does not count GE's part in the atomic energy program: it operates the Hanford plant in Washington and the Knolls atomic power laboratory at Schenectady, and supplies a large amount of equipment for A-bomb production.

Yet GE's super-profits represent only a fraction of the Morgan stake in the war program. **Next week the GUARDIAN will tell more of the golden, bloody story.**

WAR & PEACE

Truman set to send 100,000 more U.S. troops to Europe

The Judge asked what he meant by "Great Germanic Community." Quisling replied: "A corporation of the Nordic Scandinavian States with all other Germanic peoples—that is, Great Britain, France and the U.S."

London Times, Aug. 23, 1945, reporting the trial of Vidkun Quisling, whose name became synonymous with "traitor" in World War II.

LAST week Quisling's Great Germanic Community received its greatest impetus since Hitler's death: the announcement of a new occupation of Europe by U.S. troops. President Truman, according to Defense Secy. Marshall, proposed to send an additional 100,000 troops this year to garrison Europe. There are about 100,000 there now.

The numbers cited were not significant. Recalling that when the Atlantic Pact was broached Congress was told it "did not in any way imply or require sending a single extra soldier to Europe," the **Wall St. Journal** commented:

> Once you embark upon a road that has no turning you must either turn completely around or go on to the end of it. . . . With 100,000 men in Europe we cannot shirk the second hundred thousand when the first are endangered. Or the second two hundred thousand.

NO HASTE, MORE HASTE: In Washington the "great debate" on sending GI's to Europe continued in a vacuum, its conclusion foregone: Congress would place no limits on sending troops, despite a manifesto by 118 House Republicans demanding a concentration on hemisphere defense and another plea by Herbert Hoover that "there is no haste."

The Administration faced tougher problems in the proposed occupation zones of Western Europe. Charles E. Bohlen, minister in Paris and distant relative of Germany's Krupp family whose head was just released from jail, was summoned home to direct U.S. Russian policy: his first task is to counter Russian proposals for a four-power conference on Germany.

Canard Enchaine, Paris

"Are you sure that's Seoul?"

On Germany the **Wall St. Journal** reported confusion as the result of "friction . . . generated in recent weeks" among the Western Allies. U.S. officials were said to be "disgruntled" by French and British "resistance" to their leadership. Eisenhower said German rearmament would be delayed. Acheson said it would be speeded.

TERRIFYING "PROTECTION": The initiative in the pre-conference diplomatic jockeying was all East European. Poland in a formal note urged the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg to make effective their opposition to German rearmament. Poland and East Germany reached accord on a common frontier, proving peaceful intentions, said East German Foreign Minister Dertinger. He added that bygones could not be let go as bygones and that if peaceful intentions were to be proved, it was up to the Germans.

French neutrality or even an outright Franco-Soviet peace haunted Washington and Bonn. West Europeans were frankly terrified by the kind of "protection" to be given them. Describing one function of U.S. troops in Europe as to "deny" West Europe to the Russians, columnist Walter Lippmann wrote:

> All will see that—if there is the kind of fight that very modern weapons produce—there will not be much of military value in Western Europe to surrender or capture.

Anne O'Hare McCormick summed up in the N.Y. **Times** European reaction to such "protection":

> Nothing but the outbreak of war will deter the French and British governments from making another effort to deal with Russia.

RATTLING BONES: Some Washington reports suggested Washington was prepared to essay a provocation in Southeastern Europe to whip Britain and France into line on German policy and break up the four-power conference. Following a spate of stories about "threats to Yugoslavia", Acheson told a press conference that Yugoslavia was in grave danger of attack from its Cominform neighbors. However, U.S. diplomats from East Europe, meeting in Paris, told a N.Y. **Herald Tribune** correspondent (Feb. 19) that Yugoslavia's neighbors have no intention of launching an attack; the diplomats spoke of the "amazing success" of "reconstruction projects in the Communist countries."

Asst. Secy. of State Perkins journeyed to Belgrade to talk to Premier Tito about "the mounting threat to peace in Eastern Europe" (N.Y. **Times**). Following his visit, Tito announced a new policy: Yugoslavia will "resist any aggression in Europe", not just an attack on itself.

The **Times'** James Reston called the Perkins trip part of a diplomatic offensive that included naval maneuvers in the Mediterranean and atom explosions in Nevada, designed to warn against new Koreas in the Balkans. Reston wrote:

> If the Politburo does not show any evidence that it is listening, more direct methods may soon be employed.

STALIN SAYS A WORD: The Politburo may have listened, but its reactions were not to Washington's liking. In one of his rare and carefully-considered statements (see p. 3) Premier Stalin named Washington as the real source of the war danger, appealed to the peoples of the world not to be misled.

The statement seemed to touch Western chancelleries on the raw. In Britain —where Tory historian Arnold J. Toynbee, with a bow to the Boston tea-party, has coined the new national slog "No Annihilation Without Represen tion," and where German rearmament coupled with the release of Krupp and other Nazis has caused profound shock —Stalin's words inspired an ill-tempered note to Moscow indicting Russia for alleged treaty violations and aggressive acts. The State Dept. said Stalin's talk arose from failures of Soviet policy.

The Italian press seemed to let a cat out of a bag by treating the statement as the opening gun of a new Soviet peace offensive. This could not help but undermine U.S. policy still further.

COMMITTEES AT WORK: At Lake Success the UN Sanctions Committee met to placate the U.S. which demanded early action on sanctions against China. It elected Turkey's Selim Sarper chairman, Belgium's Nisot vice chairman, Australia's Shann rapporteur in a three-man subcommittee to draw up a plan of work. The subcommittee was expected to stall in line with Britain's go-slow policy. Assembly President Entezam met with India's Sir Benegal Rau in an effort to determine if the Indian envoy in Peking would make soundings for his Good Offices Committee.

Delegations were apprehensive over President Truman's statement that MacArthur has the authority to cross the 38th Parallel if he deems it necessary. In direct contradiction to the President, UN Secy. Gen. Lie told a press conference the UN was in "constant consultation" about this and other questions. A cable from North Korea detailed further atrocities by UN troops against civilians and prison

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

"Must we go beyond the record?"

KRUPP GOES FREE

"It's just like the old days," said German munitions king Alfred Krupp as he left prison (he was convicted of using slave labor from concentration camps), courtesy American military government. Even the flowers which he holds seemed to wilt in ineffective protest at the release of this Nazi criminal long before his time was up.

Is Labor being had? Brother, it HAS been had!

WILLIAM Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, was in a pleading mood last week as Truman's war machine moved into high gear. Said Green:

> "If workers and businessmen participate in working out the details of wage stabilization and price control, they will gladly do their part in insuring the success of these controls."

In similar mood Phillip Murray and James Carey (representing the CIO), and three other top labor officials representing the AFL, Intl. Assn. of Machinists and the Railroad Labor Executive Assn., went to call on Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson.

All had pledged their organizations to the war economy. They had delivered the goods and asked in payment at least a crumb of power. They failed again to collect.

LEAVE IT TO LUCIUS: They reminded Wilson that during World War II labor was represented by a co-chairman in the Office of Production Management. According to columnist Drew Pearson, Wilson said he would not follow that precedent: he was considering the establishment of a manpower commission outside the Dept. of Labor, to be bossed by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who during World War II advocated the labor draft.

Murray is said to have commented: "Well, we don't like a proposition like that."

Wilson answered: "I have authority from the President and I am going to use that authority."

STEPCHILDREN: Wilson was impatient, too, at labor representatives on the Wage Stabilization Board who were asking for slight concessions on the freeze.

All nine members of the board had agreed on a formula: unions which had not won a raise in 1950 were to be allowed to try for one (limited by a firm ceiling) before the final freeze. The members differed only on the height of the ceiling. Business representatives wanted it set at 8% over the level of Jan. 15, 1950. Labor leaders wanted 12½ with some gains in welfare and pension benefits. Government members offered a compromise of 10% but with frozen fringe benefits.

MURRAY AND GREEN, SADDER—BUT WISER?
Phil fiddled and Will whistled as the workers burned

Caught in the deadlock, labor leaders resigned from the board. In Washington Wilson reportedly was ready to call on Wage Stabilizer Eric Johnston for a wage freeze by decree.

Emil Rieve, president of the CIO Textile Workers, sadly commented that labor was being reduced to "society's stepchildren."

To soothe ruffled feelings, Wilson offered in a letter to William Green to put a top-ranking labor man on his staff, a reward long sought by labor brass. Wilson said he had offered this before; the labor leaders called him a liar and the rift seemed to deepen.

QUESTION AND ANSWER: Slow-burning liberal Max Lerner, N.Y. **Post** columnist, wondered: "Is labor being had?" He wrote:

> The root question is whether labor is to be a full-fledged partner in the war economy, or only a necessary ingredient of production, to be alternately cajoled and bullied into pliability. Will labor have a voice in the life-and-death decisions or must it rely on the benevolence of the big-corporation executives in the seats of the mighty in Washington?

One year before Lerner asked that question, the NATIONAL GUARDIAN had answered it. On Feb. 22, 1950, the GUARDIAN said the CIO was

> . . . tying itself to a political party (not its own) for ends that are not labor's ends. That party is the Democratic Party; its ends are the cold war. If this nation, under the Democratic Party, should succumb to outright fascism, the CIO would still be tied to the regime in power.
>
> Its leaders advise the ministries of foreign lands on how to circumvent labor's demands abroad;
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> At home it collaborates on a wage freeze.
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> It has forsaken the initiative in making labor's policy, taking it ready-made from a political machine. . . . So does the CIO match its political affiliation to the cold war with surrender in the fight for pork chops.

Any other questions?

UNITED NATIONS

U.S.-style cold war hits UN staff

RUMBLINGS of discontent among the multi-national staff of UN burst into the open last week after three members of the nine-man Staff Committee, which has been fighting for better employment conditions, were fired. A drive to "Americanize" (cold-war style) staff-management relations in the supposedly non-partisan international body seemed to be under way.

Unable to join any union or settle disputes in any court, UN employes created the Staff Committee as their sole defense against the whims of administrative heads. Administrators—in particular the American Asst. Secy. Gen. Byron Price—deem the committee's activities "subversive." Slogan among administration satraps is: "We don't want any communists here."

WASHINGTON-ON-HUDSON: Behind the present firings is among other things a long drawn-out struggle over the dismissal of custodial workers, hired as members of the international staff but now supplanted by U.S. contract labor. Result: importation of the U.S. "color line" in an organization supposedly representing all the races of mankind. Elevator girls at new UN headquarters in Manhattan are all light-skinned Negroes, uniform as to type, make-up and hair-do. UN staff and delegations resent the implication that Negroes are fit only to run elevators.

TRYGVE LIE
Used to be a worker himself

Asked to explain at a press conference last week, Secy. Gen. Trygve Lie, once one of Norway's top labor leaders, said the elevator girls should be very happy to work at UN. (They don't work for UN but for a private U.S. contractor who supplies the labor to UN headquarters.) Lie refused to answer questions about the firings of the three staff committee members — including the committee president who has worked at UN since 1946—and another employe in the Press & Publication section. He referred all questions relating to the firings to Byron Price.

Price said charges that the UN Administration was trying to break the Staff Committee were "reckless and absurd." It was "just a coincidence" that a third of the Staff Committee was hit by UN efforts to "improve quality" of its workers. The UN Employees Assn. called a general meeting Feb. 21 to discuss the firings.

THE TRENTON SIX

Defense fights for documents holding the key to freedom

By William A. Reuben
GUARDIAN special correspondent

TRENTON, N. J.

WHEN the conviction of six Trenton, N. J., Negroes for a murder they could not have committed was reversed by the New Jersey Supreme Court in June, 1949, one of the main points stressed by the court was that documents concerning the murder investigation had been withheld from the defense by the prosecution. They include fingerprint tests made on the alleged murder weapons; teletypes containing descriptions of the criminals originally sought; police dockets; notebooks and reports.

Last week, in hearings before Judge Ralph J. Smalley preliminary to the second trial of the Trenton Six, defense attorneys pressing for the documents quoted from the June Supreme Court opinion:

> **The State is not at liberty to introduce such findings into evidence when it suits its purpose and plead "privilege" when the evidence is sought by the accused. . . . There is not a fair trial when evidence substantially bearing upon the issue is suppressed or put beyond the reach of the accused. . . . [This] would infringe his constitutional rights. . . .**

GRIM CAROUSEL: After three years of vain defense efforts to gain access to the documents, it seemd they could be secreted no longer. Judge Smalley had directed a dozen persons who took part in the original investigation to bring them to court. But attorneys now handling the defense left Judge Smalley's courtroom as frustrated as their predecessors in the fight to save the Six, now entering their fourth year in jail. A grim merry-go-round performance was staged by those in authority over law and order in Trenton.

Public Safety Commissioner Andrew J. Duch readily admitted the documents come under his jurisdiction and that such records are kept "indefinitely." When asked if he had brought them as directed by subpena, he shook his head regretfully. They had been turned over to the Prosecutor's office; he (Duch) was responsible for them but not their custodian. That would be either the Police Chief or the Precinct Captain.

Chief of Police William A. Dooling

said he didn't have the records, and neither did anyone else in the Police Dept. He did not know where they were; they had been turned over to the Prosecutor's office at the latter's request.

SO SORRY: An hour of this (defendants have witnessed the same thing for three years) frayed the patience of Judge Smalley, who glared at Asst. Prosecutor Frank Lawton and asked what about it—did he have the records? Lawton was even more regretful than Duch. His own files contained nothing but carbon copies, he said, but perhaps the Prosecutor (now recovering from an appendectomy) knew something about it.

When the merry-go-round looked endless. Acting Police Capt. Andrew Delate took the stand and not only said he had a report but volunteered to give it to the judge. Delate clearly implied that this was an original report typed up immediately after the defendants' initial interrogation three years ago. Questioned by the defense, he finally admitted he had typed his report the day before the hearings and had gone to the Prosecutor's office to do it. What he really meant was: "The original that I saw yesterday was the original copy."

John P. Brady, a toxicologist employed by the State, repeated evidence given at the first trial as to tests made on a broken bottle, which the State said had been used to strike the murdered man's common-law wife (injured at the time of the murder). Defense counsel asked about the other (unbroken) bottle described by the State as the weapon used on the victim. Said Brady: "I don't recall making a test on a full bottle."

FISH WENT SOUTH: Defense attorney Pellettieri at this point asked for an adjournment until Monday and for the court to instruct Brady and Delate to comply with the subpena and bring the specified documents on that day. On Monday morning the documents still had not been produced. Net defense gain for five hours of questioning, characterized in repeated prosecution objections as "a fishing expedition pure and simple":

- Three meaningless documents, all of which had been in evidence at the first trial;
- The explanation that three key witnesses who had been subpenaed could not appear because of illness. (Two of them—Prosecutor Volpe and Chief of Detectives Naples—are known to be "recuperating" at Miami Beach).

FREEDOMS

Aroused Negroes vow to fight violence

ABOUT 10,000 NEGROES live in the little mountain town of Martinsville, Va. Nearly every one of them came out for the funeral of the seven who had once lived there before they were executed on a charge of rape. Last week a correspondent for the N.Y. **Amsterdam News,** Negro newspaper, wrote of the 10,000:

> **Every one of them died a little bit those two days when the boys were strapped to the chair up in Richmond. At the funeral services, which filled five churches in the small town, people prayed: "Dear God, how much longer will this go on?"**

In New York's Harlem 4,000 gathered in sorrow and anger in a memorial meeting for the Seven. They rose to their feet and three times repeated a solemn vow:

"It shall not happen again!"

Four slogans ringed the big hall:

"Willie McGee Shall Not Die!"
"Free the Trenton Six!"
"Death Sentences to Lynchers!"
"Jail the Murderers of John Derrick!"

THEY ARE ANGRY: John Derrick was shot to death by two white policemen in Harlem the day after he was discharged from the army; a N.Y. County Grand Jury began an investigation after tumultuous protests from all boroughs in the city. After two weeks during which 45 witnesses testified, the two policemen were exonerated. Harlem leaders called the jury's action a "white-wash." The NAACP and other organizations pledged to continue the fight for justice in the Derrick case.

Three days after the Martinsville memorial meeting, an off-duty white cop fired into a group of residents in Harlem, touching off a "near riot." No one was injured. The shooting is being investigated, but resentment in Harlem is at a high pitch.

Fight to save McGee

During the week the Civil Rights Congress launched a nation-wide petition campaign calling on the President to "use your powers under the Federal Civil Rights Act to avert the legal lynching of Willie McGee." McGee, jailed five years ago on a rape charge, has four times been saved from the electric chair. His execution date is now set for March 20.

The drive to save McGee is headed by William L. Patterson, executive secretary of CRC, himself under indictment for contempt of Congress. Last week there was formed a Defense Committee for William L. Patterson, headed by W. E. B. DuBois, Oliver W. Harrington and Earl Conrad. They appealed for funds to be sent to 23 W. 26th St., N. Y. 10.

NEGRO SOLDIERS AIDED: From Tokyo came a report that Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, had completed an eight-day tour of Korea where he studied the court-martial records of 39 Negro soldiers sentenced up to life imprisonment. Since the NAACP took up the men's cases, 21 have had drastic reductions in their sentences. Four sentenced to 10 years have been exonerated; another has had a life sentence reduced to five years and suspended.

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Marc: Demand open hearings on U.S. troops abroad

By Vito Marcantonio

TWICE within the past weeks the Administration has tried to throttle the voice of the American people for peace.

First came the indictment of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, one of the greatest men in American history, for helping to give the people a chance to sign their names for peace.

Now, in the U.S. Senate, they are trying to turn the so-called "Great Debate" on foreign policy into a chorus of yes-men for war. In the hearings on the Wherry resolution, limiting the number of troops to be sent abroad, Chairman Tom Connally is giving whole days to pro-war witnesses but has ordered all peace-minded organizations to limit their time to as little as ten minutes.

THE Wherry resolution is a complete phony. It dodges the main issue. It gives a false show of opposition but no genuine opposition. There is no genuine debate between the Truman-Dewey-Eisenhower voices and the Taft-Hoover-Wherry voices. Actually the Wherry resolution could serve the dangerous purpose of shutting off all debate on the basic issue before the whole world today—the issue of peace or war.

This basic issue is too important to be left to the professional politicians. Every mother and father, everyone of draft age, every worker and his family should be heard.

The Progressive Party has proposed, in the ten minutes granted it by the Senate Military Affairs Committee, that the five great powers—including the new China—meet immediately for a settlement of outstanding problems.

WRITE to your Senator now and demand that the hearings on the Wherry resolution be opened wide to the public, that these hearings be made into a true re-examination of American foreign policy.

We want no phony debate, no cutting off of the voice of the people.

There must be no cloture on peace.

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But during the week there came reports of continued violence against Negroes. In Rocky Mount, N.C., four were found "mysteriously" slain. A few days earlier in Whiteville, N.C., a Negro mother, in the presence of her 10-year-old daughter, was beaten by a KKK mob of 50. In Pulaski, Va., a Negro dentist was killed when he went to the aid of a 13-year-old Negro girl being molested by two white men. In Los Angeles police broke into a birthday party, beat Frank Alexander, a Negro Communist Party leader, and jailed him on "suspicion of robbery."

NEW YORK

Rent up 15%; citizens ignored

ON the Capitol steps in Albany last Wednesday 2,000 men and women from all parts of New York listened to an invocation by Father Boris R. Burden of St. Mark's Orthodox Church, exec. secy. of the Catholic Orthodox Alliance.

Turning to the crowd of delegates from tenants' organizations, unions and the American Labor Party, Father Burden praised them for asserting "their God-given right to defend their homes." Then they scattered to buttonhole their legislators.

Up before the State Senate was Controller McGoldrick's plan providing 15% annual rent rises and making possible evictions for almost any cause. Unless the legislators countermanded the plan by Feb. 15 it would become law by March 15.

"STOP, THIEF": Locked in committee were two bills that would nullify that plan, one submitted by Democratic minority leaders, the other by Sen. William J. Bianchi (R-ALP). All through Wednesday majority leaders stalled, hoping that by Thursday, the deadline day, the demonstrators would have gone back to their homes and jobs. On Thursday morning a "vigil" of 60 persons was still in the gallery when the debate began.

Bianchi, in his maiden speech, said: "We are picking the shopping bag of every housewife in the state." He had been virtually disowned by the Republicans after his support of Vito Marantonio last November, and during his speech few Republicans were on the floor. He stood alone in the vote to discharge his bill from committee. Not even a Democrat voted with him.

LAW BY DEFAULT: The Democrats supporting their own discharge bill, attacked Bianchi as often as McGoldrick. Bianchi nevertheless supported their discharge motion which lost 32 to 24. He called for a roll-call but the Democrats joined the Republicans in voting against it.

With the two countermanding bills still locked in committee, the rent rise became law "by default." From the gallery came cries of "shame" and "sellout."

The ALP took up the fight on three fronts: a bill to repeal the plan; a court case to test it's legality; a community mobilization against it.

City Council votes to end Stuyvesant Town jimcrow

METROPOLITAN Life Insurance Co., which draws a huge fortune from Dixie land holdings, has tried to build jimcrow walls around its tax-exempt 8,775-apartment project in mid-Manhattan, Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village.

Those who protested lilywhite renting were threatened with eviction. Yielding slightly to the protests last fall, the company offered apartments to a token number of Negro tenants.

THE SHAME OF THE CITIES

Pittsburgh reeks of corruption and terror against progressives

In "The Shame of Pittsburgh" (Apr. 10, 1950), the GUARDIAN told how progressives were hounded — many from their jobs — by politicians, press and radio following testimony by Matt Cvetic, for 10 years an FBI plant in the progressive movement. He "identified" nearly 300 persons as "communists." The GUARDIAN told how Cvetic's association with the FBI came after he had broken the wrist of his sister-in-law and was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to ravish. Since then repression in Pittsburgh has not abated. Today a new element is added: the political hierarchy that thrived on the red scare is now shown to be deeply involved in graft, bribery and corruption. This is the latest chapter in the shame of Pittsburgh.

Special to the GUARDIAN

PITTSBURGH, PA.

ON AUG. 31, 1950, two things happened in Pittsburgh:

- Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael A. Musmanno, then a candidate for lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania on the Democratic ticket, led a police raid on the local headquarters of the Communist Party, seized quantities of literature, caused the arrest of three Communist leaders on a charge of violating the state's sedition law.
- The State Supreme Court authorized a grand jury investigation of corruption in Alleghany County.

Last week the sedition trial was still in progress with Judge Musmanno as the principal witness for the prosecution. In another room in the same courthouse the grand jury had been at work: under indictment for bribery, conspiracy and fraud were two of Judge Musmanno's fellow Democrats, City Council President Thomas E. Kilgallen and City Controller Edward R. Frey and three others. Recommended for indictment on charges of connections with the numbers and prostitution rackets were some leading Democrats in Judge Musmanno's home town of McKees Rocks.

Daily Worker, London

"There is no evidence that the flu epidemic is Communist-inspired, but we are doing our best to correct the error."

THE SAME TARGET: Corruption in Alleghany County — graft, bribery, crime, vice — has grown to such an extent that 700 clergymen have formed a United Commission for Social Action, headed by Rev. Alan J. Howes of the First M.E. Church of Monessen. The growth of corruption has been accompanied by increasing repression against Pittsburgh progressives. A group of 25 clergymen, lawyers, educators, trade unionists and others, headed by Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes of Philadelphia, wrote to Republican Gov. John S. Fine on the first day of his administration:

> **The most notorious plague-spot today in our Commonwealth [for violation of civil liberties] is the city and environs of Pittsburgh. We feel very strongly that this is the place for your administration to demonstrate its concern clearly and militantly for the American way of life. We are prepared to lay before you specific evidences of the outrageous violation of civil liberties in this area.**

Now both groups, one combatting corruption, the other saving U.S. freedoms, have found their targets the same: the political hierarchy of the city. The 700 ministers are being attacked by politicians for having "political motives."

THE SMELL IS STRONG: One of the latest civil rights cases in Pittsburgh involves Asst. District Atty. Mrs. Marjorie Hanson Matson, a well-known civic leader who has been charged with "communistic tendencies" by Republican Atty. Gen. Charles J. Margiotti. From time to time she has represented the American Civil Liberties Union. Margiotti appointed his own deputies to conduct a public hearing on his charges, bringing this retort from Dist. Atty. William S. Rahauser:

> **"It is contrary to our concepts of justice to have a completely one-sided decision rendered by the same officer making charges. Any fair-minded citizen would be justly outraged at such procedure."**

Democratic Judge Samuel A. Weiss agreed with this, appointed a five-man committee of his own to hear the charges, then issued an injunction against Margiotti's hearing. Politicians of both parties challenged Margiotti's claim to his office because neither he nor any other member of Gov. Fine's cabinet has been confirmed by the State Senate. Last year Margiotti admitted under fire that he was associated with a juke box business with Sam Mannerino, gambling boss of adjoining Westmoreland County, and has been Mannerino's lawyer. Mannerino is now reported trying to move into lucrative Alleghany County.

MUSMANNO WAY OF LIFE: Other recent civil rights violations in Pittsburgh include:

- Dismissal, by Judge Musmanno, of Alice Roth from grand jury duty for alleged "communist" affiliation; the state supreme court later unanimously denounced his action.
- Dismissal by the Board of Public Education of Dorothy Albert after 18 years of teaching in high schools, for alleged membership in the Civil Rights Congress.
- Vandalism and bombing threats against homes of progressives and headquarters of progressive groups.
- Sentence of 23 months and $500 fine against Nathan Albert for his part in a campaign against jimcrow at a city swimming pool.
- Denial of public school auditoriums to the Progressive Party.

It was clearly meant to forestall further protest, specifically the Brown-Isaacs Bill in the City Council which would lift the tax exemption unless Metropolitan repealed its jimcrow.

The bill, after eight months of delay, was passed unanimously last week. Councilmen debated briefly, assailed progressives who had forced the fight to victory.

LABOR

Barbed wire diet urged for workers

Q. What did the Germans do to prevent communists from interfering?

A. They put them in concentration camps. They detected them through the secret police. They did what I encouraged you to do this morning.

THE QUESTION came during a meeting of the National Industrial Conference Board in New York's Astor Hotel late last month. The answer was given by Lt. Col. John F. Moran, chief of the Industrial Security Branch, Office of the Provost Marshal General. An unnamed informant delivered his notes on the closed session to the N. Y. **Daily Compass.**

Col. Moran spelled out his "encouragement" this way: Ring plants with barbed-wire fences, searchlights, steel towers; arm guards with hand grenades; fingerprint all employes for "psychological effect" if nothing else; investigate all agitation.

Another question asked:

> **"Isn't there a danger in firing someone for being a communist? He might sue for slander."**

"Now let me hear you ask for a wage increase!"

Robert Denham, until recently general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, answered:

> **"You can fire him for wearing a red necktie if you wish under our system. . . . You don't have to call him a communist. Call him 'undesirable.'"**

UNITED SPERRY: At Lake Success, where the Sperry Gyroscope Co., expanding with war orders, is slowly edging the United Nations out of its sprawling buildings, Denham's formula was being put into practice.

Last November several active members of the CIO's International Union of Electrical Workers were fired. Each had been active UE workers before IUE won at Sperry. Each was high in seniority. The reason in each firing was that IUE dues had been turned in late, in some case by only 24 hours.

Last month eight more were fired. Like the others these were old timers. Each had been outspoken in demands for wage raises, for prodding IUE into action.

This time no technicality was needed. The eight were declared undesirable in view of the "national emergency."

ONE-WAY STREET: The UE saw real national emergency shaping up. At a national wage conference in New York, it resolved:

> **We of the UE will not join the one-way street to poverty that big business has mapped for the American people. We and all the people must join in a fight to reverse the course to poverty and destruction that the profiteers have laid out.**

His union's refusal to join the traffic down that one-way street brought Julius Emspak, UE secretary-treasurer, to a Federal Court in Washington to stand trial for contempt of Congress. Last August the House Committee on Un-American Activities had cited Emspak and six other UE officers for refusing to divulge their own political beliefs or those of fellow-unionists. He said he would not "help the committee to frame himself." Emspak is the first to stand trial.

UP TO THE JUDGE: On Monday Emspak's lawyers waived a jury trial, leaving the verdict up to Federal Judge Dickinson Letts who only a few weeks ago acquitted a confessed gambler on a similar contempt charge because he had pleaded the Fifth Amendment.

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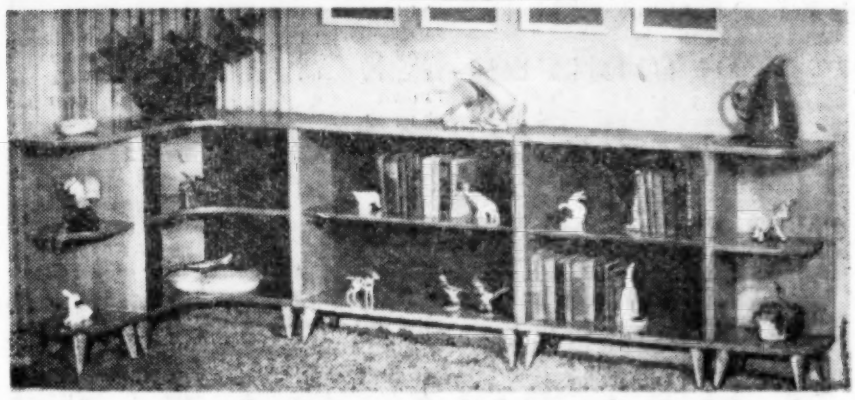

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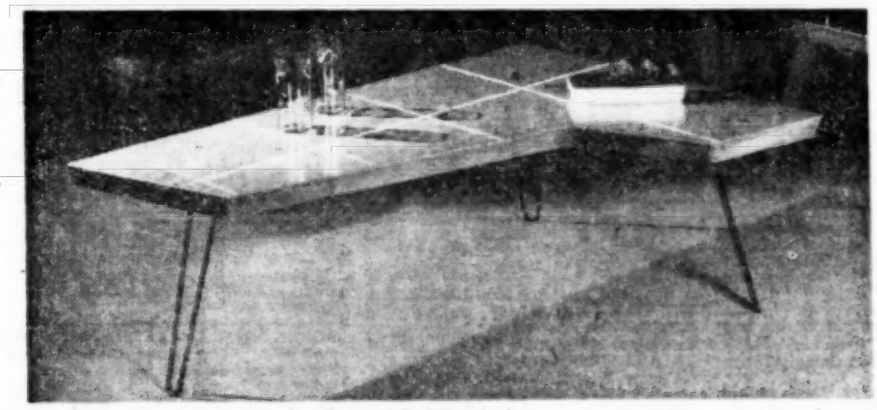

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